

BIG STORM CENTER

More Thunder Claps in Topeka Than Any Other Territory.

Even Mountain Cities Failed to Compete With Kaw Valley.

The year 1914 broke the record at Topeka in respect to number of thunder storms, according to the statement of S. D. (Sunny) Flora, the local weather observer, today. There were 63 of these storms in the course of the year as against 62 in 1904, the previous record year. One clap of thunder will place a storm in the list.

The weather man stated that there are more thunder storms in eastern Kansas and western Missouri than in any other portion of the country, with the possible exception of certain restricted areas in mountainous districts. The average temperature for the year was 55 degrees, which was two degrees above normal. The year was the eighth warmest since the records were first kept, twenty-eight years ago.

The records show that the average temperature from year to year does not vary a great deal. The warmest year on record was 1911, when the temperature averaged three degrees above normal; the lowest year was 1888, with a mean temperature two degrees below normal. This is a difference of but five degrees between the two extremes. High temperature in one portion of the year is generally equalized by low temperature at another period.

AT THE THEATERS.

At the Grand. "Fine Feathers," which will be presented here at the Grand Saturday matinee and night, is from the pen of Eugene Walter, who has also given us "Paid in Full," "The Wolf," "The Easiest Way," and "Trail of the Lonesome Pine." It is many-sided and every person may recognize in it a different dominating idea. One may see in it the reprehensible business system and graft, another will see in it the irresponsibility of an unreasoning woman and the character of a man who will do anything for the woman he loves. Still another will find in "Fine Feathers" the unrelenting law of compensation, "As ye sow, so shall ye reap."



Scene From "Fine Feathers" at the Grand January 9.

The story is written in Walter's best vein of searing, invective. It is a virile human document of today; it is the photographic reflection of the middle class home where a meager salary is unable to withstand an opportunity to gain luxury by participating in graft.

At the Novelty. Five acts of selected vaudeville augmented by the third chapter of Zudora make up the program at the Novelty for today, tomorrow and Wednesday. Paul, LeVan and Dobbs offer one of the fastest acrobatic offerings of the present season. They inject much real comedy in the act.

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one working in blackface, which adds color to their vehicle. Much fun will be derived from the offering of Silber and North, who style themselves "The Barful Man and the Maid." Robert Fulgaro offers a series of impersonations of great men of the past and present. The Harris brothers, two graceful and agile dancers, will introduce a routine of dances that are new to the public. Earl Girdella and his canone comedians will complete the program for the first half of the week.

At the Hip. The Selig Polyscope company, in picturing the risible and undying romance of Rex Beach's "The Spoilers," has made a new revelation historical, showing once again that fiction has a higher aim than fact in its large appeal to interest; in a new pictorial triumph.



Wheeler Oakman as Broncho Kid.

In "The Spoilers" at the Hip All This Week. both to imprison and release human interest. Charles Dickens wrote remarkable character creations in great variety, and in the telling of his stories, frequently revealed abuse and conditions that inspired drastic reforms; so this vivid page of yesterday, from the face business pen of Rex Beach, showed the trails of graft and greed, and pointed out their glaring cruelties and illegalities so trenchantly, that it "started something"—something that arrested the spoliation of Alaska.

This thrilling romance of the gold fields of our great northwest, if strong in sentiment, is steeped in fierce primitive fashions inspired by insidious evils that invest the closing coils of a great conspiracy for robbing honest toil of its golden fruits, and it has braved privations with death ever imminent, day by day or through the long night of the Midnight Sun.

"The Spoilers" had its first view in Chicago, in Orchestra hall, March 25, 1914, before an unusual audience of critical and sensitive guests, who felt the gripping potency of the big work, when it was first revealed after the strong sweeping official endorsement of the new board of censors.

This masterful picture will be presented for the first time in Topeka at the Hip theatre, starting matinee today, and running all this week. Four exhibitions daily: 1 p. m., 3 p. m. and evening performances at 7 and 9.

Notice of Annual Meeting. The regular meeting of the members of the Shawnee Building and Loan Association will be held at the office of the Association Monday evening, January 11, 1915, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business which may come before the meeting.

M. SNATTINGER, President. T. B. BROWN, Secretary. (Advertisement.)

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SNAP SHOTS

AT HOME NEWS.

The regular January meeting of the board of education will be held tonight. The Shawnee Medical society will meet this evening at the Commercial club quarters.

The Fidelity club will meet at the home of Mrs. A. G. James, 311 East Tenth avenue, January 13. A meeting of the Topeka Boys' Wireless club was held Saturday night at the home of Arthur Saville, 403 East Eighth avenue.

A meeting of the Women's Commercial club will be held at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the quarters of the Topeka Commercial club.

The Ladies' auxiliary of the local letter carriers' association will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. Swickard, 1100 Washburn avenue.

The Salvation Army will be in new quarters by Thursday night, having taken a lease on the store building at 409 Kansas avenue. The lease is for one year.

W. G. Holser, Salvation Army ensign, is making plans for winter "camp meetings." Trees used in Topeka churches at Christmas time will be utilized in the decorative plan at the hall.

This was the first day of school after the Christmas holidays. It was impossible for most of the pupils to get down to real business today or come back to earth, to use a slang expression. By Tuesday the work at the schools will be progressing in normal style.

The following births were reported at the office of the city clerk today: Marvin A. Bogle and wife, 1214 North Topeka avenue, December 31, girl; Benno R. Schafer and wife, 230 North Locust street, January 1, boy; George W. Veale III, 8227 Topeka avenue, December 26, boy.

The Parent-Teachers' association of the Quincy school will meet tonight at 8 o'clock. A talk illustrated by lantern slides will be given by Mrs. J. H. Hays on her recent trip around the world. The school orchestra and chorus will also furnish entertainment.

A. T. Modlin, the well-known poultry expert of Dallas, Texas, through the promotion committee of the Commercial club and the Shawnee Building company has been induced to come to Topeka with his entire poultry plant. Mr. Modlin has taken first prizes in the big poultry shows of the country. He will live in Crescent Lawn addition. The ducks and swans in Central park seem to be willing to take chance of being frozen into the ice which surrounds the hole where they spend their time these cold days. They stick to their water hole despite the fact that the ice around it is strong enough for skating and people who come to see them shiver at contemplation of the probable temperature of the water where they swim in apparent contentment.

At the First German M. E. church services are conducted this week by the Rev. C. J. Moeller, of Warrenton, Mo., field agent of that college, Rev. P. A. Friedrichsen, of the German Baptist church of this city, and Rev. A. J. Buss, pastor, Rev. Moeller will occupy the pulpit tonight and Friday. The choir leaders, Beath and Jaedecke, will have charge of the song service at 7:30 p. m. and the special music. A cordial invitation is extended to the German speaking public of the city.

A former Topeka boy has sent a letter to the State Journal enclosing a clipping from a California newspaper. The caption of the clipping is "Thousand Watches 'Soaked' in Month." and the statement is made that according to the reports of the police department of Sacramento that many watches were pawned in that city. The letter says: "I trust you will print this and help stop the flood of young men that continues to come to California in hope of finding wealth, and who in reality find poverty."

L. M. Penwell of this city recovered \$65 of \$175 which he lost by endorsing a bad check offered Irwin Groves, a youth arrested in Kansas City last week, when he went with Sheriff Kiene to Kansas City Saturday to see the prisoner. Groves, who also goes by the name of Harry B. Kirtland, paid a visit to Topeka and got rid of the forged check before going to Kansas City, where he was arrested on a complaint from California. He will be taken back to San Francisco for trial on similar charges.

Because he neglected an order of the district court to pay \$12.50 monthly for the support of his two children George and Joseph, Mitchell of Elmore was taken to the district court Saturday on complaint of his former wife, now Mrs. Maude Stambach of Reading, Judge A. W. Dana, whose order he had neglected, delivered an impressive lecture and a promise of severe discipline if Mitchell was guilty of further neglect. Mitchell paid in \$106 of back alimony and promised to be prompt with future remittances.

The Central Y. M. C. A. has issued statements relative to the adoption of "gym" work as a road to good health by leading Topeka business men and others. The statements are by the following individuals: Dr. E. J. Crumblin, W. J. V. Deacon, Dr. C. H. Morrison, Dr. D. R. Paine, Dr. Jesse D. Cook.

January Clearance Sale

Railroad Fare Rebated to our out-of-town customers, according to amount of purchase.

THE month of January will hold scores of unusual bargain opportunities for those who will keep in touch with the announcements of various sales as we make them from time to time. You see, it is during this month that we begin the listing, counting and tabulating of every piece of merchandise in our store. It is the time that we "take stock of ourselves," that we arrange for the adjustment of various lines to their proper proportions, and to clean up stocks which we wish to discontinue.

This task is stupendous at the best, so we want all stocks to become as light as possible. And low prices as an inducement for you to help us is the only way that we can accomplish the result. So line by line as we come to them will be virtually sacrificed during January.

Parcel Post Prepaid on all but fragile merchandise. Shop by mail.

January Clearance Sale Prices on Jewelry and Toilet Goods

TEASPOONS—A standard make, heavily silver plated and brightly polished; good weight that will give continued service. Pretty laurel design on handle. Special one-half dozen .59¢
BROOCHES—Large and varied assortment of styles with sparkling vari-colored settings. Regular 25c values for .19¢
PARTY BOXES—You have long wanted one and here is the chance to get it at less than half price. Popular size, fitted with all necessary toilet accessories. A few \$1.25 values to close out at .50¢
HAIR BRUSHES—Solid backs of ebony and mahogany; stiff, durable bristles that get at the roots of the hair. Sell regularly at \$1.50 and \$1.25; sale price is . . . \$1.00

DRESSING COMBS—Nicely finished with coarse, self cleaning teeth. Sure to give satisfaction. Our 25c values at 10¢
MUSIC ROLLS—Good quality leather in black only, strap handle; a finely finished and durable wrapper. Regular \$1.00 roll for .89¢
WOMEN'S PURSES—Made of an excellent quality fine, flexible leather with strap across back to slip fingers through, making it secure against loss; assorted colors. \$1.00 values 49¢
NAIL BUFFERS—Ebony and mahogany backs; fine, soft chamouis pads that can be easily removed. 50c ones are 35c and 35c ones are . . . 25¢

January Clearance Sale Prices in the Handkerchief Department

Women's Handkerchiefs—All linen with long neat initial. A regular 15c handkerchief; January clearance price . . . 10¢
Women's Handkerchiefs—All linen with long initial done in punch-work. Our regular 25c value on sale for . . . 15¢
Women's Initial Handkerchiefs—Neatly put up in packages of six. We have specially priced them; package of six . . . 25¢
Women's All-Linen Handkerchiefs, nicely hand-embroidered. Regularly 15c each. January Clearance price . . . 10¢
Men's Handkerchiefs—All-linen; plain initial. Regularly priced at 25c each. Special for this sale, each . . . 15¢
Men's Handkerchiefs—Neatly hemstitched; have neat initial in corner. Regular 10c quality. Six in package for . . . 25¢

Well Cooked Food and Excellent Service in Our Lunch Room on Annex Bridge

January Clearance Sale Prices in the Drapery and Rug Department

Cretonnes, Chintzes and Repps in Attractive designs and colorings. 18c and 22c values to close out yard . . . 12 1/2¢
25c values to close out yard . . . 15¢
35c values to close out yard . . . 22¢
45c and 50c values to close out yard . . . 35¢
10c Comforter Twills—25 in. wide, in wide range of patterns—clearance price, yard . . . 6 1/4¢
10c Silklines, 36 in. wide, fancy comfort designs, a yard . . . 6 1/4¢
18c Cross Strip Scrim, 40 in. sale price, yard . . . 7 1/2¢

All Drapery Remnants One-Half Original Prices
Lace Curtains, one pair of a pattern, values from 75c to \$7.50 pair, for quick clearance Half Price.
Ingrain Art Squares—all wool, sizes 7-6x94; 9x9; and 10-6x12 ft. regular prices \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$14.50. Sale prices . . . \$5, \$6.50 and \$8.50

Short Lengths of Linoleums 60c quality 6 ft. wide 6 ft. to 11 ft. lengths, special, a sq. yd. . . 29¢
75c quality, 12 ft. wide 9 1/2 to 11 ft. lengths, special a sq. yd. . . 39¢
\$1.50 "O-Cedar Mops, special, each . . . \$1.00

Colored Wash Goods Clearance Sale

10c and 12 1/2c Flannelettes, 40 pieces in attractive designs and colorings to close out at yd. 7 1/2¢
18c Serpentine Crepes—one lot to close out at yard . . . 12 1/2¢
25c Plisses and 18c Crepe Plaids, now on sale at . . . 12 1/2¢
65c and 50c Brocaded and Floral Silk Crepes, to close out at yard . . . 25¢
35c and 25c Fancy Dress Poplins, to close out at yard . . . 15¢
One Lot of Fancy Cotton Suits and Waistings—values up to 25c—to close out, a yard . . . 7 1/2¢
One Lot of Light Fancy Outings—special, yard . . . 4 1/2¢
8 1-3c Fancy Outings—dark and light styles, a yard . . . 7¢
12 1/2c Percales and Madras Cloths in light styles a yard . . . 10¢

All Colored Wash Goods Remnants at One-Half Price

January Clearance Sale Prices in the Ribbon Dept.

RIBBON REMNANTS AT HALF PRICE—Hundreds of short lengths have been taken from our regular stocks and placed on one table. Wide, narrow, plain and fancy ribbon remnants suitable for bows, etc. All at ONE-HALF PRICE.

FANCY RIBBON NOVELTIES AT HALF—A number of pretty novelties that we want to dispose of before the annual inventory. In this assortment you will find scarfs, caps, ribbon flowers, mufflers and slippers. All at ONE-HALF PRICE.

FANCY RIBBONS in beautiful Persian and Roman stripes, 5 to 7-inches wide; also plain satin and moire ribbons in all colors. Regular prices were 75c, 50c and 35c a yard. On sale now for 25¢

Dr. H. L. Alkire, Dr. Charles H. Lerrigo, Dr. E. S. Pettyjohn, S. A. Maxwell, M. C. Blanchard, George Sorenson, H. G. Weller, R. H. Gaw, Charles E. Eldridge, E. W. Rankin, John M. Cleveland, F. A. Crawford and Rev. Robert Gordon. John Briggs, who was shot early Saturday morning by B. F. Stevenson, 1415 North Monroe street, when it is claimed Briggs and his 16-year-old son had returned to the Stevenson home to make a second attempt to burn the house, is still alive at Christ's hospital and is reported resting easily. The younger Briggs, who also received a few stray shots from Stevenson's gun, is in the county jail charged with arson. His wounds are not serious. Several pieces of the skull have been removed from the older Briggs. His recovery is doubtful.

Two young 'coons have been added to the cage park zoo by the Weary Sons of the Forest. They were presented to W. L. Porter, city commissioner of parks, today by John Marshall, president of the club. The animals were captured in the wilds of Missouri, between Vera and Paxico, by Harry Dreisbach, Nelson Ham and Sank Clark. Four other raccoons were killed on the same expedition. The hunting club consists of John Marshall, Phil Billard, Robert Billard, Nelson Ham, "Hank" Ford, "Hickory" Jones, Joseph Brogren and Harry Dreisbach.

Notice of Nebraska railroad rate hearings which will affect Kansas freight rates to be held at Omaha, January 15, and at Kansas City, January 16, before a special commissioner, has been received by members of the Kansas public utilities commission. An order has been issued making decreases on commodities from Kansas to Nebraska interior points. The Kansas commission has filed application with the interstate commerce commission to make corresponding reductions to interior Kansas points from Iowa, Kansas and Missouri jobbing centers.

OAKLAND NOTES. Items for this column may be phoned to 3313 or the State Journal office. The members of the J. O. C. Crochet club will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ira Mawver, 456 Wabash avenue. Thomas J. Clark, of Pueblo, Colo., formerly of Oakland, was visiting friends here last week. The C. W. B. M. of the Oakland Christian church held its regular monthly business and social meeting last Friday afternoon with Mrs. O. M. Keats in Arter avenue. Those present included: Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mrs. Rathbun, Mrs. Mary Carey, Mrs. William Golden, Mrs. C. M. Reaugh, Mrs. B. A. Starr, Mrs. Sarah Lemley, Mrs. J. L. Weller, Misses Blanche Starr, Helen Hanna, Esther Hanna, Mabel Keats and Mrs. Keats. Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Strait, of Forest avenue, have returned from Lynden, Kas., where they spent the holidays with relatives. Mr. Clayton Burdell accompanied them home for a short visit. B. F. Jeanson, of Oakland avenue, is reported suffering with an attack of rheumatism. Mrs. T. F. Allen entertained at dinner

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Friday at her home, 418 Forest avenue Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Seagraves and three children and Mr. William Metz. A. M. Butz has returned to his home in Oneida, Kas., after a short visit with his sister, Mrs. F. L. Birt, and family. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Belden entertained a number of young people at their home in Wabash avenue last Friday at dinner in honor of their grand sons, Elbur and Ray Roush. Miss Gertrude Hoffman is reported seriously ill at her home in Oakland avenue suffering with appendicitis. Mrs. Fannie Miller has returned from Comstock, Kas., where she spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Entrim. Miss Dot Brumley, of Colby, Kas., was the guest yesterday of Miss Mabel Keats, enroute to her school work at Emporia. The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Veterans club will be held tonight with Comrade and Mrs. Charles McCarthy in Michigan avenue. Mrs. Sarah Tracy has returned to her home in Kansas City after a week's visit with her brother, W. G. Barker, and family in Michigan avenue.

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